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TO: GENERAL JOHN RYAN, USAF, CHIEF OF STAFF, U.S. AIR FORCE,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

FROM: AMBASSADOR HELMS, TEHRAN

DEAR JACK:

WOULD YOU PLEASE BE GOOD ENOUGH TO PASS THE FOLLOWING
MESSAGE TO GEORGE BROWN:

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NOMINATION TO BE
CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE AIR FORCE! THE COUNTRY WILL BE
WELL SERVED WITH YOU IN THIS JOB, AND I AM CERTAIN THAT
YOU WILL PROVE A WORTHY SUCCESSOR TO JACK RYAN AND THOSE
DISTINGUISHED OFFICERS WHO HAVE PRECEDED HIM.

MAY I NOTE HERE, IN WHAT I REALIZE IS A MOST PAROCHIAL
WAY, THAT THE SHAH IS MOST ANXIOUS TO HAVE YOU PLAN A
VISIT TO IRAN EARLY IN YOUR TENURE. JACK RYAN CAN EXPLAIN
THE BACKGROUND OF THIS REQUEST. I HOPE THAT YOU CAN
ARRANGE SUCH A TRIP.

GOOD LUCK AND ALL BEST WISHES!

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
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